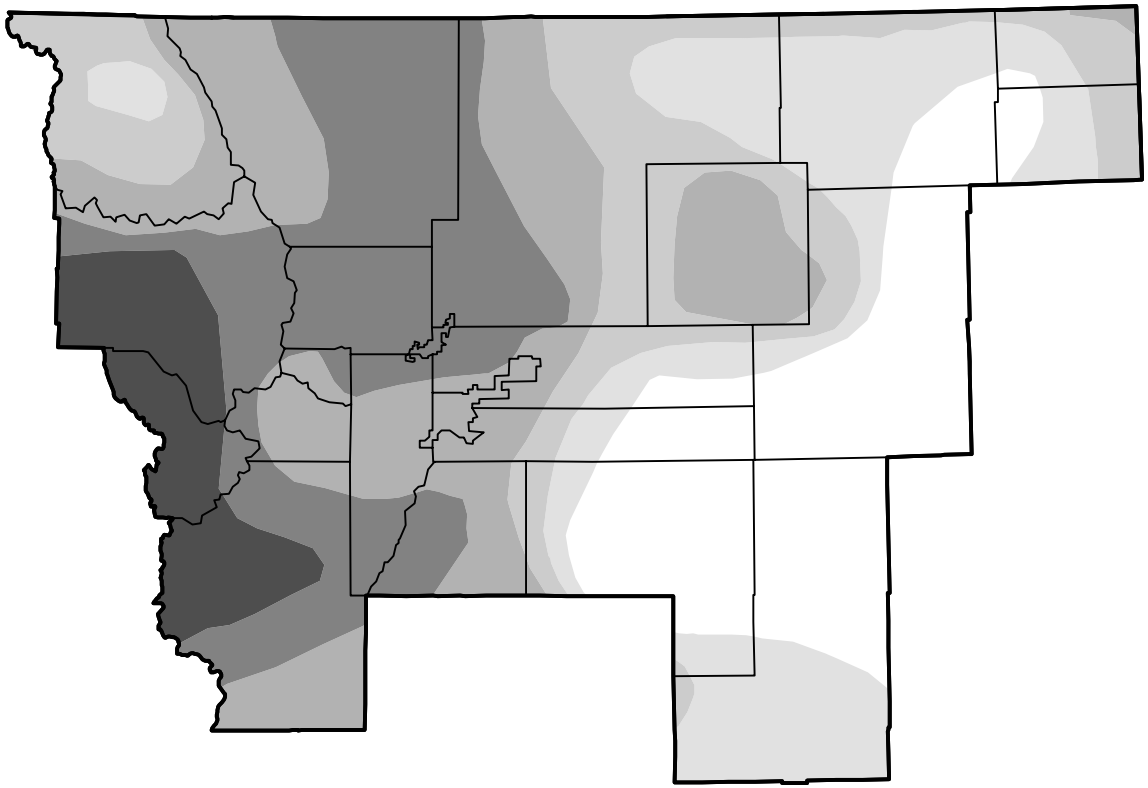
U.S. Drought Monitor

Boulder, CO WFO



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.34	16.47	14.80	21.21	20.85	7.33
Last Week *10-13-2026*	19.34	16.28	16.01	18.88	17.53	11.96
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	4.43	12.82	16.55	19.59	39.58	7.02
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	22.48	16.17	41.85	10.44	8.69	0.36
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	20.55	11.86	18.74	21.91	18.15	8.79
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	71.50	10.64	5.79	12.06	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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